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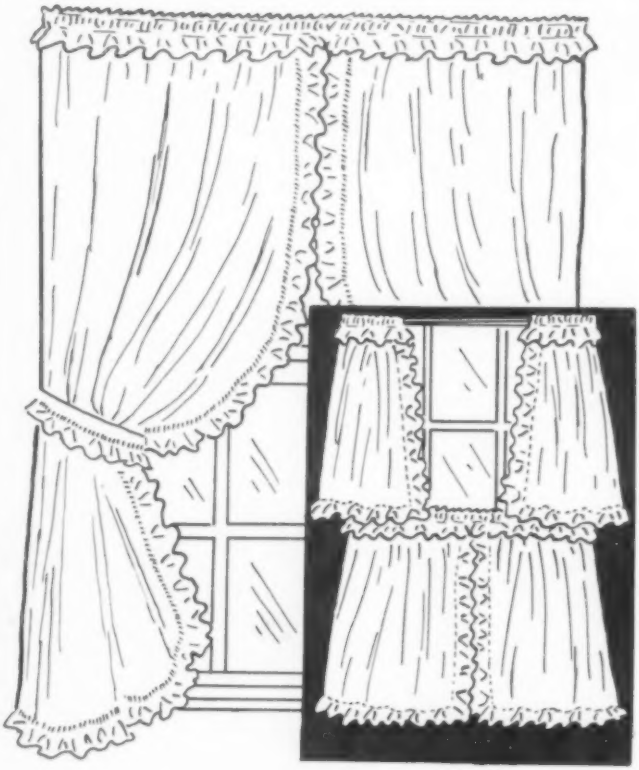

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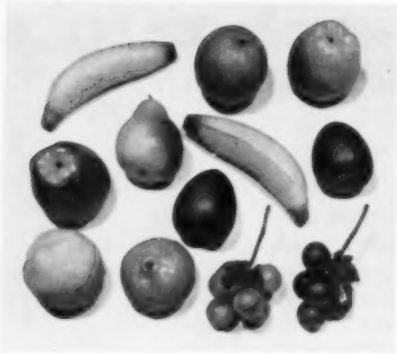

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Dear YANKEE:

I think your article on Temple was not reliable and is anything but complimentary. I feel, as many others do in Temple that the town is owed a public apology.

G. F. Sanborn
Nashua, N.H.

Ed. Note: Apology for what—For saying Temple has a fine patriotic history and is a peaceful lovely town or for not telling how some years ago it took oxen to drag us through the mud of Temple between Greenville's black top road and Route 101?

Dear YANKEE:

I have just finished reading "The Famous Webster Called Samuel," in your July number. I cannot forbear telling you how much it interested me. My ancestor, General Francis Blood, was a resident of Temple. My grandmother, Hannah Cummings was a daughter of Archaelaus Cummings of Temple. I have the History of Temple, and when I am finished with it there is no one to leave it with for I am the last of the tribe. I remember as a child how we used to tease each other because our ancestor stole the jewels from the King's Tower. And that the original Cummings and Blood —General Francis—were rated as wealthy because they had a gun and ammunition. (Of course they didn't have the income tax.) I have a much faded picture of myself at Temple standing beside the grave of Gen. Francis Blood. I thought you might like to know how far the story travelled and how much pleasure it gave.

Katherine Blood Sumney
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear YANKEE:

My adv. in YANKEE brought me replies from about 18 states, and from the nicest people one would want to meet. A famous movie star, several noted writers, many people who were interested in music and the arts. Some have continued to write to me and I have certainly enjoyed the experience. So more power to you for the very fine YANKEE that you are.

Charles Peacock
Tarrytown, N.Y.

Dear YANKEE:

As President of the Osterville Historical Society, your recent number of YANKEE was

Artist Ralph Bradley captures the charm of the lovely houses in Rockport, Mass.

delivered to me. Of course, I was especially interested in the article by Mr. Chester A. Crocker which featured several Osterville houses. I liked what he had to say and the photographs were excellent.

Miss Genieve Leonard
Osterville, Mass.

Dear YANKEE:

Thanks so much for the early reminder of my subscription—I was thinking about it yesterday. I am much pleased with your YANKEE, especially the photograph of those white birches in the March issue. Just wish it was on one page instead of two—I'd frame it.

Ethel L. Forbes
Medford, Mass.

Dear YANKEE:

I was much interested in the article in the April issue of YANKEE entitled "The Ride No One Remembers," by Walter Lewis Smith, because it adds a little to what I have dug up about Israel Bissell of East Hartford, Conn. However, it also fails to follow through and tell your readers that Bissell was buried in Hinsdale, Mass., where he settled after the Revolution, and died there October 24, 1823.

Clay Perry
Pittsfield, Mass.

Dear YANKEE:

We enjoyed the copies of YANKEE we have received on your six months offer, so we decided to send $2.00 for a yearly subscription.

This month's issue is so interesting—the true Cape Cod homes especially so, as well as "O'Flaherty's Coffin."

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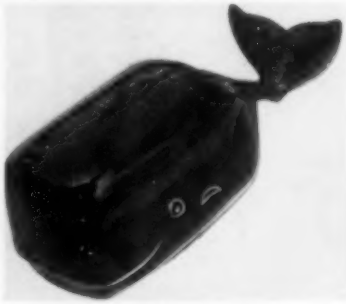

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1 antique sterling silver desk set, 1 grandmother's sugar pail, boy's wrist watch, for pecans ('56 crop) or other nuts (except bl. walnuts). S102 Mich.

Wanted: Pink bisque figure about 10" tall of girl with hoop. Have the boy companion piece. Will swop antique fringed India Muslin shawl. S103 Mass.

Have 3 black marble mantle shelves. One—48" x 8" straight edge. Two—48" x 9" curved front. Would like Limoges Haviland red clover pattern, dinner plates, sugar and creamer. S104 R.I.

Old brass microscope, 6" high closed; wooden case, 3 ivory slides; brass forceps. Two interchangeable lens marked 2 and 3 in wooden case. Would swop for a small modern microscope. Also have a small printing press and type to swop. S105 Vt.

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To swop: 1 voltage converter from D.C. to A.C.; 1 So. Wind Automobile gasoline heater, excellent condition; car radio, needs repair. What have you? S107 N.Y.

Shepherd Contest Course, 5 year file Fate magazines, cookbook collection. Swop for daffodil bulbs. S108 Ala.

Would like Model T Ford in running condition. Have an 8 x 10 tent, an antique Colt derringer pistol, hand made smocked dresses fit for a princess, or what would you like? S109 Conn.

Wish to swop brand new Dormeyer French Fry skillet or unused Dormeyer Mixer plus Bowls for Opal jewelry. S110 N.J.

Want old railroad timetables, before 1925, also old trolley timetables. Also want old post cards showing railroad scenes such as trains, engines, wrecks, small town depots, etc. What do you want in swop? S111 Conn.

Would like old trays, boxes, or mirrors with original painted or stencilled designs. What do you wish in return? S112 N.H.

Have a side saddle, flared china lamp shade, 14 inch. glass kerosene lamp, sleigh robe, old time weight scales, black jet beads, 100 yrs. old old time Loomed bedspread white. Dr. Satchel 100 yrs. old Valice suitcase. Want 16 mm camera, vending machines, portable record player, scrap books. You name the swop. S113 Tenn.

Vermont maple sugar: How to make from the sap of the maple trees. The process of the early settlement of the citizens of Vermont. Send me anything and will tell you how. S114 Mass.

Young woman 32, wants permanent address where she can stay occasionally, and store her things. Prefer quiet suburb outside New England. What do you want in swop? S115 Vt.

Offer new size 20, drip-dry paisley print cotton dress, 1956 style, nice material, shirtwaist button-front, gored and tucked skirt. What have you for swop? S116 N.H.

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Want violin maker's set of old tools. Have Navy Officer's uniform, blue broadcloth, tailormade size 40 long, scarcely used. Indian relics, or what do you crave? S117 Conn.

Have an English tweed man's coat, perfect, about 38, suit jacket blue, fur coat, 14. Dresses 14 to 20. Swop for what have you. S118 Conn.

Have a new book-case, an Edison phonograph made to play Victor type records (floor model). These are in Ohio. Will swop for what have you? S119 Fla.

Will swop Applehead Witch Doll for any old doll. S120 Pa.

Group of newspapers, magazines, almanacs, circa. 1860-80 available for swop. Would like other items of Americana, typewriter or small mimeograph or press in good condition. S121 Mass.

1 pr. large rose vases; bowling ball, bag and shoes. 5 lb. silk necktie swatches 3" x 12" to swop for phonograph records, catalogues, etc. S122 N.Y.

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Will swop my ice hockey skates (size 11), shoes—laces—blades good condition, used for only 3 games, for a sketch or drawing from a youngster under 18. S124 N.J.

Have metal locators, model airplane motors, want anything on buried treasures, clippings, also Fate Magazines, True West magazines. S125 Mo.

A student violin. Old crystal salt dips, jewelry, floral feed sacks for little colored class antique tooth pick holders, pitchers, little night lamps. Send list. S126 Ia.

Want upright typewriter, small adding machine, rifle, altimeter, sword case, hat stretcher, book Manual of Safes and high leather leggings. Have many items if I knew what you are looking for I might have it. S127 Mont.

Hand knit socks for men, finest wool, double heels, with designs. Would like cut glass, old jewelry. S128 N.J.

Old violin with patent keys, old razor brought from Germany 1868. Other items for best offers. S129 Ia.

Wanted: Old silk and velvet patchwork pieces. What would you like? S130 Mass.

Pair Sconces, 4 inches in diameter, 9 inches high, Penna Dutch tulip and heart design, imitation Tole ware. Make offer. S131 Pa.

Will swop girls dresses, size 8 for what have you? S132 R.I.

What would you accept in swop for floor or table model loom? S133 Mass.

Will swop old buttons or articles on buttons. S134 N.Y.

Have an excellent Universal Lawn Mower Grinder. Would like outboard motor, boat, good bench saw, old furniture or what have you? S135 Vt.

Would like a large feather duster. Write me your needs. S136 Me.

Would like to swop a typewriting course, an elementary arithmetic course, and some odd saucers of really good china. Also have a Carhart and Needham rosewood melodeon and a table size organ with rolls. i.e. this one is to be placed on a table. Will consider any reasonable swop, can use anything and everything. S137 R.I.

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The Hotel Northampton, in the town of the same name in Massachusetts, can offer you a variety of things to do and see. First and foremost, probably, is the Wiggins Old Tavern, that simply has to feed you tremendously good food or you'd spend all your time staring at its ancient beams and spectacular collection of curios. Here is a group of buildings filled with antiques and an authentic atmosphere to carry you back at the bat of an eyelash to colonial days. In the Wiggins Old Tavern Courtyard there's a Weaving House, the Old Country Store, a Wagon Shed, Print

Fishing boats of the Gloucester, Massachusetts fleet are mirrored in the water.

A dammed up river in West Townsend, Massachusetts becomes the "old swimmin' hole."

Shop and other exhibits (wonderful way to get the whole thing over to the kids.) In the Old Country Store the shelves are loaded with calicoes and ginghams. Jars are filled with oldtime candies. A log cabin made of hand-hewn butternut logs and chinked with moss is as close as maybe to the real thing, with an ox cart, stage coach, peddler's wagon and a one-horse shay to make it all the more real. Even the walls of the hotel are covered with old prints—you never tire of looking at them.

In Westport, Connecticut, you'll find The Red Barn, one of the famous White Turkeys, where cuisine and comfort are paramount. The Davegas, who know about such things, manage the Red Barn with the greatest of ease, smoothly attending to the little perfections of this life. Food: great!

Sugar Hill, in New Hampshire, offers an enchanting nearness to Franconia Notch and its many attractions. The Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway, the Flume, Indian Head, Old Man of the Mountain, Lost River, and many other famous spots are within easy visiting distance. And the high clear air is at its best these late-summer weeks. In Sugar Hill the Homestead, a small inn on a 200-acre estate, hangs on to its early American charm (the building was originally built over 150 years ago, but it's been through considerable modernization since then). Fishing, tennis, golf and hunting nearby. The Homestead has on the estate a rustic building known as The Pioneer, which turns itself into a nightclub and recreation hall as indicated.

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This is the month of the Cape Cod Cranberry Festival, a week-long festival of Cranberry Harvest Days, which usually takes place the second week or so of September. Visitors have a chance to watch the actual harvesting of the cranberries in their bogs, and the week winds up with a chicken barbecue—complete, of course, with cranberry sauce.

Wickford, Rhode Island, calls itself the "Venice of America," and its life indeed centers around its generous harbor, one of the finest small boat harbors in the country, with four boat yards, marine railways, and facilities for anything from a palatial yacht down to the smallest pleasure craft. Water skiing, charter boats for giant tuna and striped bass, skiffs for bay fishing, abound and—of course—sea food! Artists find not only subjects, but classes if they want them, and landlubbers can latch onto tennis and golf nearby.

There are points of historical interest too, such as Gilbert Stuart's birthplace and the old Cocumscussoc Block House.

Up in Vermont the Crafts family operates, at Wilmington, the Crafts Inn which goes all out on New England recreation. Cookouts, barbecues, and such naturally, but in addition you'll find hayrides (with corn and frankfurters and marshmallow roasts), evening harness racing (through the 15th), fringeless surrey drives and, this month, country fairs. On the Molly Stark Trail, as it winds through the Green Mountains, the Crafts Inn seems to be easily accessible to the goings-on in several states. In addition to the usual rooms with bath, there are student or new sport type bunk rooms, fine for young people.

The Yankee Village Motel, in Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, presents you with a choice of motel room, studio type, or a kitchenette unit. All rooms are comfortable and spacious and have maid service; the kitchenette units have silver, dishes, and cooking utensils.

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CURIOSITY REACHED A new high recently, about an attractive newcomer, Mrs. Roy Spring. Mrs. Spring, from West Duxbury, Mass., and Megansett, had just taken over a new house on Jefferson Road, Gray Gables, Mass.—smack on the Cape Cod Canal. Florence Spring's husband is an eminent jeweler in Boston. She and her husband and teen-age son, Roy, Jr., live in the house on the Canal.

The house is, in a way, like a jewel box. It is walled with drift wood. This has been waxed to a grey-satin finish of beauty. Not a storage closet in sight. The nifty sliding panels and mirrors conceal spacious closets.

Although President Grover Cleveland and other famous people have had residences along the Canal area, year-'round, citizens live quietly. Live well, but in New England simplicity. However, Mrs. Spring was something unusual. For instance, Florence Spring might go into Boston five days a week. Some days just to have her beautiful pale hair waved, or to lunch with an old friend. She dresses stylishly and colorfully in low-cut gowns and bathing togs and often entertains city-folk on her Canal terrace. City folk-friends arrive in flashy cars and eat thick steaks fresh off the charcoal grill chefed by Spring, Senior and Junior.

Spring, Senior, moved to the Canal place because of a troublesome ticker—word went around that was why he was trying to quiet down. But neighbors were agog over his private plane, yacht, various sailing craft and his activity. Nothing seemed very quiet about the Spring menage, and as Florence Spring said, "I could hear 'em talking about 'that Mrs. Spring'."

Then, one Cape morning a figurehead

by ETHELDA BEDFORD

—a beauty, with pale hair and even features and a mysterious smile, appeared on the second story of the Spring cottage. (Young Roy had been given the figurehead by someone on the Canal. He had nailed it onto their house, outside his mother's window overlooking the Canal.)

To sailors of bygone days the figurehead typifies the presiding genius of the ship. It was the heritage of early man's superstition. The custom of having a figurehead on the bow of a ship traces back to when ancient craft were adorned with figures of gods and goddesses. Both blessings—and tragedies—were credited to the figurehead. *(Continued)*

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Suddenly folks flocked around from far and near to see for themselves, and even

now they come to see. Florence Spring, taking it all in her stride, goes up and leans out her window to carry on the laugh.

If you want to believe in legends pertaining to such an ancient carving as this one you might easily connect the strange happenings which have chained together the Spring family since the Mona Lisa-like figurehead became the much-talked about 'presiding genius' of the Springs' Canal cottage.

Florence Spring wrapped $30,000 worth of diamonds in a tissue when aboard their yacht. She put the parcel on a shelf in the galley. The shelf was washed off and so were her stones. Much expensive dredging has not brought back her treasures from Red Brook Harbor, near the Canal entrance.

Then, Mr. Spring went out on his sail boat with their beloved dog. A Canal neighbor phoned Mrs. Spring that she had seen the boat capsize. She assured Mrs. S. that Mr. S. would drown "because he had on hip boots and no matter how well he could swim those boots would weigh him down."

Florence Spring called the Coast Guard, the Fire Department, the Police. Young Roy Spring started out in his new sports car. He knocked off both fenders before he reached that part of the Canal where his Pa and pet pup went overboard. Roy jumped into the Canal, defying the hazardous currents, and swam out to where only the mast of the capsized boat was floating.

Returning home young Roy found two doctors hovering over his mother, just recovering from a dead faint.

An hour dragged by—as all such dreary hours do—and there appeared Spring, Senior, with a member of the Coast Guard. He had been saved nicely, though damply, and had dried out in a bar in Buzzards Bay. He was feeling fine. Until then he had thought that the capsizing incident was just his and the Coast Guard's secret.

A week later their dog returned home. No explanation. But young Roy had been so disturbed by the incidents and the terrific cold he caught that he flunked his college entrance exams.

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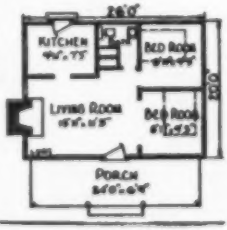

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School days come early for America's youngest citizens and learning begins even before the mind is ready to absorb the Three R's. In tiny Alstead, New Hampshire it begins in a nursery school—the bus is a farm truck, the classroom all outdoors or a country surveyor's house. Having read her pupils a verse about how the dandelion is the one flower children can always feel free to pick, Mrs. Edith Chase is brought a flower by an excited youngster. Choosing a favorite book for reading period is always fun.

by JUDITH JONES

First School

The Chase kitchen serves as the painting studio; Mr. Chase contributes old shirts for smocks and a nearby artist friend provides a generous supply of poster paints. Although this country boy has always lived with trees, his growing mind wants to know more of the world about him. One window ledge is set aside for plants and a fish bowl so that the children can observe growth in nature more closely.

Outdoor play is a time of adventure, sometimes hazardous as a three-year-old discovers when she hides in a millstone on the Chase property and finds herself stuck.
Mrs. Chase reads to a group of youngsters waiting for a parent to come and pick them up. Some of them come from as far as fifteen miles away, over dirt roads. The school is open only spring and fall as the roads are too treacherous in winter.

Hurricane Odds

1 To 10 And No Takers

by THOMAS F. MALONE, SC.D.
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THE TERM "HURRICANE ALLEY" as a synonym for the Atlantic seaboard seems to have been coined by a zealous and imaginative newsman attempting to convey the gist of a scholarly diagnosis of the combination of circumstances that led to the rash of disastrous hurricanes in 1954. This diagnosis was presented before a meeting of the National Academy of Sciences in January 1955 by Jerome Namias, Chief of the Extended Forecast Section of the U. S. Weather Bureau, one of the nation's top meteorologists. The fact that the designation "hurricane alley" for the middle and northern Atlantic states went considerably beyond the interpretation that Namias himself placed on his research, results did not keep it from being widely quoted and generally accepted, albeit with some consternation. The hurricane and associated floods of 1955 which cost over two hundred lives and nearly a billion dollars in property damage strengthened the belief that perhaps New England is becoming the terminus of a "hurricane alley." To the doughty New Englander, inured even though he is to capricious weather, this was a disturbing thought.

Characteristically, he began to ask, not "Will we have a hurricane this year?" but, "What are the chances that we will have a hurricane this year?"

Although superficially there is very little difference between the phrasing of these two questions, the difference that enters with admission of the word "chances" is an important one. It not only sums up the shrewd New Englander's hard-won experience with the predictability of weather, but it illustrates a fundamental characteristic of weather that can be put to use to provide rational, intellectually honest, and useful answers to questions about the weather that simply cannot be answered in categorical fashion at this time. For example, the likelihood that a hurricane, once formed and active south of Cape Hatteras, will move up and enter New England can be answered only in terms of chances or probabilities. Why? Because unequivocal answers require a more complete understanding of the physical causes of hurricanes than we now possess or than we are likely to have at our command for some time to come. Until that understanding can be achieved our answers must always contain some uncertainty.

The United States Steamship Ossipee *in the Cyclone of 1876*

In fact the nature of the prediction problem in meteorology is such that there will always be some uncertainty in most weather forecasts. It does seem possible, however, that we can begin to assign tentative measures to the degree of uncertainty involved in these answers in order to keep to a minimum the ambiguity which is inherent in them.

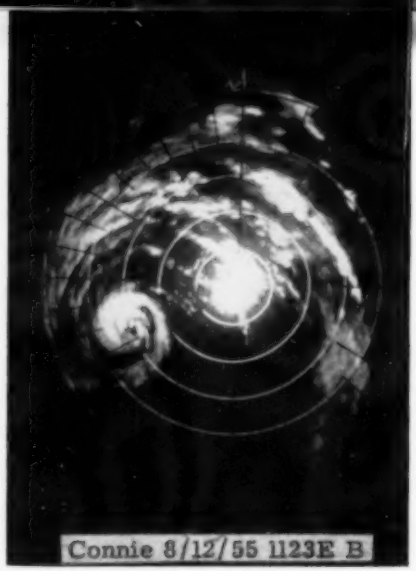
How may this be applied to the question, "In view of the number of hurricanes that affected or threatened New England in 1954 and 1955, what can we expect in 1956?" Ideally, that question would be answered by examining the causes of the conditions that existed in 1954 and 1955, determining whether these causes would be operating in 1956 and then assessing the vulnerability of New England during the present hurricane season. Now it is generally accepted that one of the reasons for the large number of hurricanes the past two years is that the world-wide wind systems were displaced somewhat northward on the average. This permitted the hurricanes that form in the so-called subtropical easterly wind flow to move up close to the Atlantic coastline before recurving and passing off to sea or, as in the case of Hazel in 1954 and Connie in 1955, keep moving westward and never recurve. But to predict that this condition will prevail during the present year it is necessary that we know *why* the global wind systems were displaced northward the past two years. The answer to this question lies somewhere beyond the frontiers of our present knowledge. True, there has been some interesting speculation. For example, M.I.T.'s famed Dr. Willett has suggested that such displacements are related to variable solar activity—as roughly measured by the number of sunspots. Extending this line of reasoning, Willett argues that since the number of sunspots is expected to decrease during the next few decades, the vulnerability of New England to hurricanes will also decrease. But Willett is rightly cautious in applying this generalization to any specific year. Justification for his caution is provided in the fact that two of the most severe hurricanes to strike New England during the nineteenth century occurred in 1815 and 1821, years of low sunspot number and hence, according to Willett's hypothesis, years of relatively low vulnerability for New England. The 1815 hurricane was prob-

ably comparable in severity to the disastrous hurricane of 1938.*

In fact, it is only from the perspective of a long period of time that the hurricane problem as it affects New England should be considered. Too many people are inclined to think that hurricanes did not begin to come to New England until 1938. Yet Tannehill, in his classic work *Hurricanes,* lists eight severe tropical cyclones that did extensive damage to New England *prior* to 1938. The years 1635, 1788, 1869, 1878, 1893, 1903, in addition to 1815 and 1821, were notable for the damage done in this region. Similarly the concept of a "hurricane alley," at least north of latitude 20°, falls by the wayside if all the hurricane paths over a seventy or eighty year period are examined. The alley turns out to be an avenue about 2,500 miles in width.

In the light of our present understanding of atmospheric processes, the most reasonable answer that can be given to the question posed above must be couched in the New Englander's own terms of "chances" or probabilities based on an analysis of a long record. What, then, are the chances? From the dozen severe tropical cyclones that affected New England during the past 168 years—or even the half dozen of the past 53 years—a good approximate figure is that the chance of a severe hurricane in New England this year, or any year, is about one out of ten. Naturally, the chance that a particular spot would be affected is less than this. The figure of one out of ten applies to the area as a whole. This refers to *severe* hurricanes. If the ordinary, run-of-the-mill hurricanes are considered, the record of the past forty-one years indicates that the chances of no hurricanes this year are about six out of ten, the chances of one or more are approximately four out of ten, and the chances of two or more this summer and fall are as little less than one out of ten.

For comparison, from the record for the past forty-one years, the chances that no hurricane will reach the United States as a whole are about one out of ten, the chances of one or more are nine out of ten, of two or more are six out of ten, of three or more are three out of ten, and of four or more less than one out of ten.



Hurricane Connie *as she appeared on the radar screen of the U.S. Weather Bureau.*

A word about probability predictions is in order. Just what is implied by the statement that the chances that a severe hurricane will affect some part of New England are one out of ten? It means that the odds *against* a severe hurricane are nine to one. It was obtained by dividing the twelve instances of hurricane-associated damage during the past 168 years by, simply enough, 168. (Actually this would give the chances as 12/168 or seven out of a hundred, but this approximate method for obtaining a probability hardly warrants such a fine distinction, so the probability of one out of ten is used.) Obviously, probability forecasts such as those given above cannot turn out to be wrong for any given year because they allow for any contingency. But because they do allow for contingencies and, furthermore, provide a measure of the likelihood of such contingencies they are not only intellectually honest but more useful than a dogmatic statement which may turn out to be wrong in spite of the best of intentions.

Now it would be desirable to say that although the long-term chances that a severe hurricane will affect New England are about one out of ten, this year be-

cause of certain conditions it is going to be three out of ten, or perhaps only one out of a hundred. However, until we have a better understanding of the processes in the atmosphere which determine whether or not a hurricane will form, it is unwise to attempt this refinement. That such knowledge will one day be forthcoming is the motivation for much meteorological research today.

It seems possible that some day probability statements can be applied to the risk that a hurricane, already formed and lurking below the Virginia Capes, might affect a particular part of New England. One of the most difficult problems facing a weather forecaster in such an instance is the task of properly alerting and yet not overwarning the people who rely on his forecast. His difficulty stems from not being able to give a quantitative measure of the danger involved (e.g., the chances are three out of ten that Nantucket will be affected by this hurricane, one out of ten that Providence will be affected, and only one out of a hundred that Springfield will be affected). The reason for this difficulty is that many and complex factors, not yet fully understood, affect the movement of hurricanes. Such information, however, would provide a rational basis for the extent of the precautionary measures that should be taken. Some preliminary research results at the Travelers Weather Research Center indicate that predictions of this kind may one day be possible, by making use of high-speed electronic computers to digest and analyze prodigous amounts of past weather data. To the New Englander, accustomed to "taking his chances" on the weather this would be of some help in telling him just what his chances are.

Coming back to the outlook for this year, let us see how the probability forecast could be applied to a question that is frequently raised by New England boat owners: shall I take my cabin cruiser out of the water during the height of the hurricane season (i.e. last half of August and the month of September). If the possible loss should a hurricane strike is substantially more than ten times the cost and inconvenience of taking it out each year, year after year, then do so. If the loss is less than ten times this recurrent cost and inconvenience, leave it in. Over a large number of years you will come out ahead by following this rule.

As this article was being completed, Anna—as the first hurricane of 1956 will be known—had not yet appeared. Betsy, Carla, Dora, Ethel, Flossy . . . the chances are better than fifty-fifty that not one will come to New England and only one out of ten that if it did happen the consequences would be serious. The short ends of those probabilities have come through before, and they will come through again. We hope it will not be this year.

*The *Boston Evening Gazette* began its story of the 1815 hurricane with these words, "We were never before called upon to record so terrible a gale as the one which just passed by—and our oldest citizens have no remembrance of having before witnessed so furious a blast." Trees 8-10 feet in girth were torn up by their roots on the Mall in Boston. In Providence the water was twelve feet above spring tides, vessels were forced into the streets, and 500 buildings were destroyed. Twenty vessels were driven ashore or sunk at Stonington, Connecticut.

The hurricane of 1821 was described in *The Hartford Courant* as "a violent gale of wind, accompanied by rain . . . surpassing in its duration and destructive effects any similar calamity within the recollection of our oldest inhabitants." Great damage was sustained in New York City and losses to crops, buildings, and shipping were very great in Connecticut.

HURRICANE PROBABILITIES

	None	One or more	Two or more	Three or more	Four or More
New England	6/10	4/10*	< 1/10		
United States	1/10	9/10	6/10	3/10	< 1/10

*The chance of a severe hurricane is only about one out of ten.
The symbol < means "less than."

The Saga of Little Fredericka

by MARY ELIZABETH HENDERSON

FREDERICKA, I'M HOME, darling. Did you miss me as much as I missed you, pet? Mummie was gone a long time, wasn't she? But come see all of the lovely fresh fruit she brought for her baby."

"Where are you, Fredericka? Don't tease Mummie."

Mrs. Alexander Stuyvesant Pettisahl walked slowly over to the hall closet in her eight-room suite in Providence's largest and swankiest Hotel-Apartment and opened the door. She removed the white suede gloves, which, regardless of the weather, automatically became a part of her costume on the first day of May, dropped them into the hand-painted hamper reserved for articles to be dry-cleansed, stuffed tissue paper into the John Frederick bonnet which she carefully lifted from her freshly coiffured tresses and tucked it inside its original box on the shelf.

"Fredericka," she called again, "Mummie's going to be cross with you if you don't come here. It's too hot to play games today, darling. Be a good little girl and come kiss Mummie."

Mrs. Pettisahl picked up the heavy paper bag which she had placed on the table in the entry, carried it into a rear hallway and deposited it in the small ice-chest which she rented from the electric company especially for Fredericka's food.

An ominous stillness pervaded the luxuriously furnished apartment. Mrs. Pettisahl went to her bedroom, hoping to find "her treasure" asleep on the chaise which her mistress had but recently had re-upholstered in just the right shade of yellow to blend with the gay little fur on Fredericka's arms and legs. From there she began a systematic, but fruitless, search of the entire apartment.

In frantic desperation at not being able to locate her "baby," she picked up the telephone to report her loss to the Police Department. Just as she did so, there came a restrained knock at the door. Replacing the instrument in its cradle, she rushed to open the door, as if she fully expected Fredericka, herself, to be standing there.

Fredericka was there, but she was not standing. John, the doorman, was holding her lifeless form in his outstretched arms.

"I'm terribly sorry, Mrs. Pettisahl," he said, stepping inside the entry-hall, "I did everything I could to save her, but she ran straight past me into the path of on-coming traffic. There was nothing

anyone could do."

Mrs. Pettisahl swayed on her feet, every vestige of color drained from her age-sagging face. "Oh, my baby, my baby," she sobbed, taking the inert little body of her four-month-old Moss monkey into her arms and pressing it tenderly against her ample bossom.

She stiffened her back and looked angrily at the uniformed man, standing uncomfortably before her. "Did you write down his license number?" she inquired. "I'll have him jailed for this, I don't care who he is. I've got influence, you know."

"Yes, mam," said John. "I mean 'no, mam', I didn't get his number."

"You stupid fool!" Mrs. Pettisahl berated the poor well-meaning doorman. "Why didn't you, why didn't you? I'll remember this next Christmas," she added, stroking the soft fur of her beloved pet.

John turned to leave. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Pettisahl," he said with dignity, "my only thought was of Fredericka. I did everything I could to save her. She was still alive when I reached her and I sent one of the boys for Dr. Sawyer."

"You should have sent for me."

"You were out, Mrs. Pettisahl, remember?"

"Don't be impertinent, John," the elderly dowager said, "and, by the way, how did Fredericka get out of the apartment?"

"I have no idea, Madame," John lied, purposely protecting the unfortunate bell-hop who had carried the daily order of yellow flowers to Suite 10-B that afternoon.

"I'll find out if it's the last thing I do," said Mrs. Pettisahl, "and mark my word, it will cost him his job." Of that the doorman had no doubt, but he was determined that this was one piece of information Mrs. Alexander Stuyvesant Pettisahl would not uncover if there was any possible way for him to prevent it.

"Yes, mam," John said, leaving the apartment and quietly closing the door behind him. (*Continued on page 72*)

In many descriptions of old houses offered for sale mention is made of a Dutch oven. *What is really meant is, of course, a* brick oven. *A Dutch oven is a metal affair made to stand in front of the fireplace to roast or bake its contents by the heat of the burning wood. A brick oven is a built-in part of the chimney. It is heated by wood burned inside the oven, and when the bricks are sufficiently hot, the coals are removed. The bricks would keep hot for a long time, and, in the days before stoves, many pots of beans, loaves of bread, and pies of all kinds came from brick ovens.*

Some things could be cooked in a Dutch oven standing before the fire, but for the nourishing things of life our fore-mothers depended chiefly on kettles over the fire and the brick oven.

This picture shows a Dutch oven at the fireplace, and the door of the brick oven at the side of the chimney, Royall House, Medford, Massachusetts.

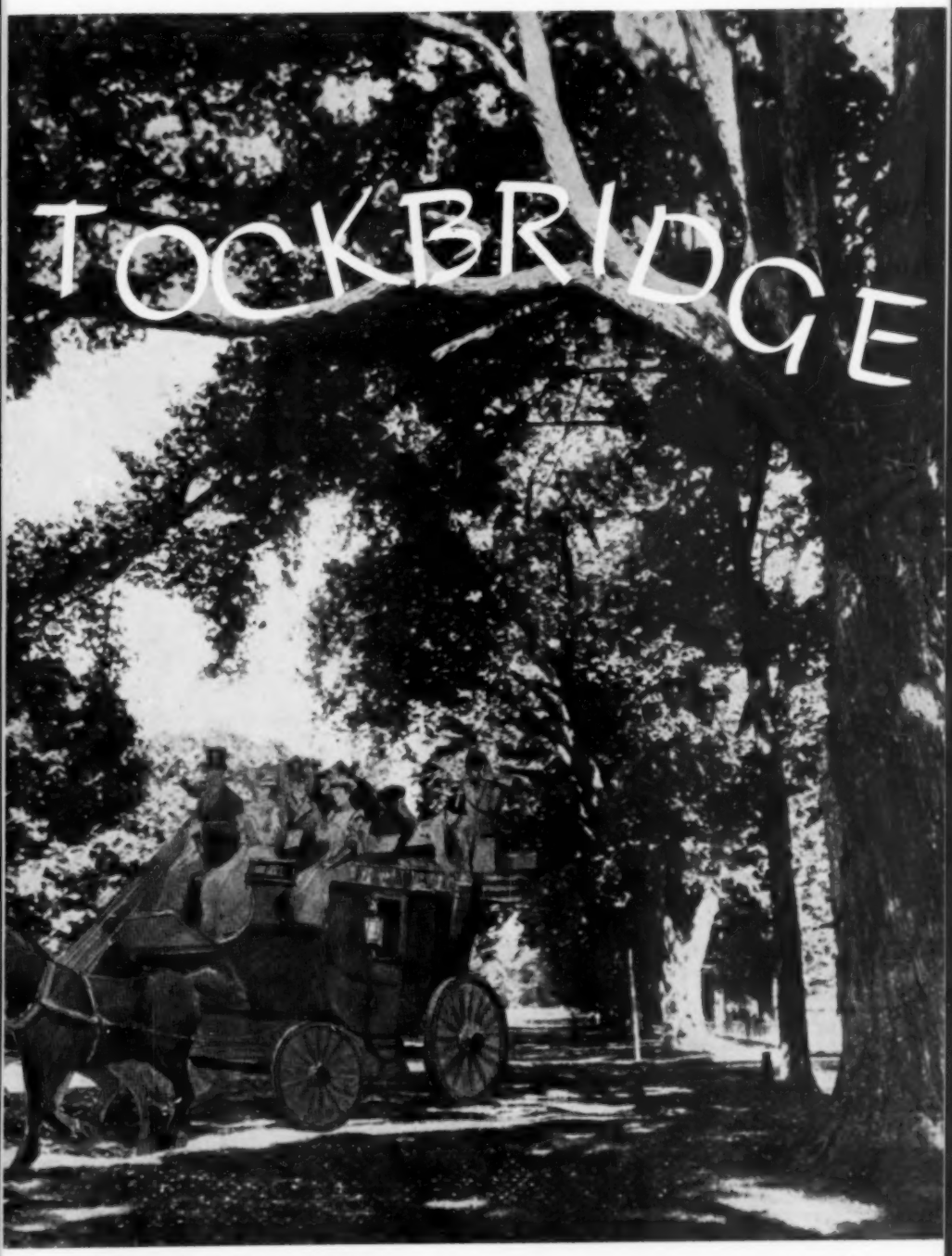
PARK PRESSEY

This New England # 12

by Earl Griffin

Dean Stanley, when in Berkshire, stood on the piazza of Rev. Henry M. Field's home in Stockbridge, and as he looked off upon the beautiful landscape said:- "Can Heaven be more beautiful than this?"

Main Street, Stockbridge as it was in the 19th century. Except for the vehicle, you won't find much change today.


TOCKBRIDGE

"Old Stockbridge" is really a term of affection, for Stockbridge, Massachusetts is a town which has kept pace with the times in every respect. But as at some other New England historic sites, the "old" isn't buried by the new. Oldest house in town, no longer in existence, used to be Edwards' Hall (right) built in 1737. Its doorway, now restored, similar to those at the Boston and Metropolitan Museums, is now that of the Mission House, (opposite page). This sketch of the doorway was made while Edwards' Hall was still standing. Edwards' Hall was named after Jonathan Edwards, second missionary to the Stockbridge Indians. Attesting to the good works of Edwards, a plaque on a monument in the Indian Burying Ground states: *The Ancient Burial Place of the Stockbridge Indians, 1734. Friends of our Fathers, 1877.* Edwards wrote *The Freedom of the Will* while in Stockbridge, as well as his treatise, *Original Sin,* which greatly influenced the struggle against liberalism in the following century.

Stockbridge is really a "missionary town," founded by the missionaries who came to save the souls of the Mahican Indians. Jonathan Edwards (below) lived in the Mission House (above) built in 1739 by John Sargeant, first of the missionaries. The day before Thanksgiving, 1756, a stagecoach drew up to the door of the Mission House (below right) and out stepped President Burr of Princeton College and his wife, Esther, Edwards' daughter. As she opened a bundle in her arms, Edwards and his wife gazed at their newest grandson—Aaron Burr. Brilliant as he was, Edwards was absent minded to an extreme. On one occasion, meeting a small boy at a gate, he asked him who he was. Fifteen minutes later he met him again and asked the same question. The boy, undaunted, answered sharply: "Why, sir, I am the same man's son I was fifteen minutes ago."

Jackson Public Library (above) was given Stockbridge by a wealthy man who, when a boy, inadvertently had set the local school on fire. When riches came to him, he remembered his debt to the town. The Field Chime Tower was built in 1878 by David Dudley Field, in honor of his grandchildren. Known today as the "Children's Chimes," Field stipulated that they should be rung each evening at sunset from—"apple blossom time until frost." The Red Lion Inn (below) was first built in 1764, rebuilt after a fire in 1896. Known for years as "Widow Bingham's Tavern," it contains an excellent collection of antiques which delight overnight guests.

The township of Stockbridge extends northward to Lenox village on the shores of Lake Mahkeenac, also known as Stockbridge Bowl (below). Here were and are the summer palaces of the rich, such as that of Birdseye Blakeman (right), David D. Field, Hon. Joseph Choate and many others. None were more famous than the now destroyed "Little Red House" (right) of Nathaniel Hawthorne who wrote: "But to me there is a peculiar, quiet charm in these meadows and gentle eminences. They are better than mountains, because they do not stamp themselves into the brain, and thus grow wearisome with the same strong impressions day after day."

The Sedgwick House, on Main Street, was built in 1785 by Theodore Sedgwick, friend of Washington and a member of the first Continental Congress. For over a century it was a literary mecca. Here was born Catharine Sedgwick (left), America's first noted woman novelist, author of *A New England Tale. The Linwoods* and *Hope Leslie.* Longfellow, upon visiting here, was of the opinion that even the crickets honored the name, singing "Sedgwick, Sedgwick, Sedgwick." Among present day Sedgwicks of note are Ellery, long time editor of the *Atlantic Monthly* and author, Henry Dwight, present owner of the house.

"Chesterwood," the studio of Daniel Chester French. It was here that French made the model for his Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

The Field House, Main Street, home of the famous and versatile Field family, including Cyrus W. Field (right) inventor and, after many years of failure and frustration, builder of the Atlantic Cable (1858). In its day, the Cable was as eventful as the Atomic Bomb in ours. On the day it was first laid, schools in town closed and people across the country celebrated. The first message sent over the Cable read: "Europe and America are united by telegraphy. Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace, good will toward men." In Cyrus' honor "The Ocean Telegraph March" and "Song of the Ocean Telegraph" were written.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is noted for its fine interior and beautiful pews made of quartered oak. Perfection is noted in every minute detail.

POETRY

Hodge and Doctor Johnson

SARAH WINGATE TAYLOR

Poor Hodge, the cat, fell ailing,
his appetite had gone;
no tidbit in the larder
could tempt his fevered tongue.

It was an anxious morning
in Doctor Johnson's house
when Hodge who guarded learning
lost interest in a mouse.

Might Frank, perhaps, the houseboy—
yet humble folk could fret
should Doctor Johnson send them
on errands for a pet.

Miss Williams, she was sightless,
and Levet tippled wine.
A fig, mused the Carmichael,
what if poor Hodge should pine.

Though lords in lace might tremble
at Doctor Johnson's rage,
though fops and fools took cover,
he was a gentle sage.

So out strode Doctor Johnson,
that Dictionary great,
that man of grace and thunder,
rotund, with seaman's gait.

Then off the caps came doffing
as the great man rolled along—
no larger mind that morning
heard the oyster wench's song.

Till home he came, prize-laden,
a packet on his arm
of succulent sweet oysters
poor Hodge's heart to warm.—

Keen scholar, wise with Plutarch,
with Boswell very wise,
who taught to hunt in trifles
a great man's qualities.

Poem for Poets

MYRON H. BROOMELL

One night about 1925 I went into a Childs' restaurant in Boston
And asked the cashier if she would mind changing a ten-dollar bill.
She was a young girl, not much older than I.
She complied very graciously,
And as she dealt out the proceeds I realized
She was giving me change for a twenty.

When the transaction was completed I handed her back the excess.
"Here," I said, "you gave me ten dollars too much."

Afterwards I kept kicking myself—
Though I suppose of course they would have taken it out of her wages.

I remember reading where one of those old aphorists
Is credited with the statement that honesty is the best policy,
But actually my reaction was purely mechanical.

Ten dollars was a lot of money in those days.

After thirty years I retain the impression
That she probably came from a good home,
Was blonde, hard-working, and above my level socially—
At least until I became immortal.

The Game

SARA KING CARLETON

We called it blindman's buff, I remember.
Right after supper we played on the front lawn,
all the girls dancing about in light dresses
and the boys in pique knickerbockers.
How soon the dark came. How soon September

and cool nights. Fathers calling,
"Time now." Summer should last forever,
we thought, shouting goodby, turning homeward,
the dew heavy and a drifted leaf
caught in a curl. The leaves were really falling.

Blindman's buff, and in the fragrant grasses
hoarse, grinding crickets, rhythmic, ceaseless
katydids. Summer, summer is over.
We reach for each other, we slip from each other, time
like a mist circling. Everything passes.

CIRCUS NOON, appearing on this page, July issue, was by Lincoln Pitzell, Berkeley, California.

by GORDON GREENWOOD SAMPSON

AMERICA'S FIRST WAC

YOU WON'T FIND this extraordinary story in many history books, but the United States official Army Archives reveal an intrepid woman who, in male attire, enlisted for 3 years in the 4th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, Continental Army. She fought in its front line as "Private Robert Shirtliff." None of her fellow soldiers knew her real status. Deborah Bradford Sampson, later Mrs. Benjamin Gannett, thus became the forerunner of women important in our present day military services. Our enlisted Wacs alone number nearly 40,000.

This was 1782-1783. In those days women weren't allowed in military service. In fact, over 80 years later, Clara Barton, founder of our American Red Cross, was refused permission even to nurse our Civil War wounded on the battlefield.

Who was this extraordinary woman? She was one of the "Mayflower" Bradfords — great-great granddaughter of William Bradford, second Governor of Massachusetts, and daughter of Deborah Bradford and Jonathan Sampson, Jr., born in Plympton, Mass., December 17, 1760.

When Deborah was a small child, her father was lost at sea. There being few jobs for women, her penniless mother finally had to distribute her several children among relatives and friends—"bound out," they called it. Deborah grew up on a farm, did chores, scrubbed floors, pots and pans, fed farm animals. In so doing she developed into a husky young woman. She learned to prepare, spin and weave wool. Her skill was in demand by families of position and influence.

Although self-educated, her keen mind, poise and self-confidence found her a job teaching school in nearby Middleboro. She also joined the Baptist Church. News of the Boston Tea Party, 1773, and Paul Revere's ride, stimulated her vigorous nature. Young as she was, she craved excitement, remarking: "If I were a man, I would enlist in General Washington's army." Her brothers were all in the army. By 1781, when 20, and no longer "bound out," Deborah could

In the Rock Ridge Cemetery in Sharon, Massachusetts one side of a Civil War memorial pays tribute to Deborah Sampson. A bronze relief depicts this famous woman who fought in disguise for her country.

not restrain herself. She decided she was finished with the routine of farm drudgery. With her savings she bought material and wove woolen cloth for a man's outfit. Later, she changed clothes in nearby woods and emerged a "man." She then walked to Uxbridge, near Worcester, and on May 23, 1782, enlisted in the army for three years. Because of her strong features and quiet self-assurance, no one questioned her sex. With a company of 50 under Capt. Webb, attached to Col. Shepard's 4th Massachusetts Regiment, (later Col. Jackson's), Gen. Patterson's Brigade, she marched to West Point.

There she changed from her homespuns into the striking uniform of the Continental Army Infantry;—blue coat lined with white, with white wings on shoulders and cords on arms and pockets; a white waistcoat, breeches or overhauls and stockings with black straps about the knees; half boots; a black velvet stock, and cap with a variegated cockade on one side, a plume tipped with red on the other, and a white sash about the crown. Her martial apparatus, exclusive of those in marches, were a gun with bayonet, and hanger with white belts. A knapsack—cartridge box—and 30 cartridges for her French fulsee, and a blanket roll, completed her outfit. At West Point they engaged in several small skirmishes.

As "Private Robert Shirtliff" Deborah took "his" place in the front line ranks, asked no favors, and cheerfully did all jobs assigned "him." She became noted for her courage and coolness in action and was among the first to volunteer for dangerous or special service. She fought in every engagement in which the 4th Massachusetts Regiment was involved; took a sabre cut in the head at Tarrytown, but kept on fighting. A few months later a bullet wounded her in the thigh. Not daring examination, she stood up, waved off those who sought to carry her to a dressing station—said she was "all right"—and made her way to the rear. There, unobserved, she probed the wound with a darning needle, staunched the bleeding and bound up the injury. Except in her later application for a pension, although it bothered her seriously for life, she never referred

to that wound. (Deborah wasn't the complaining kind).

Shortly thereafter, at Philadelphia, where her company was sent to quell a riot caused by discharged soldiers not receiving their pay, Deborah was taken desperately ill from an epidemic. She lay unconscious in the hospital. Only then was her sex secret revealed to a discreet examining surgeon, Dr. Barnabas Phinney of Boston and Philadelphia. His interest in the young soldier began when he was told "he" also came from Boston. The surgeon kept his discovery secret. He arranged to have the soldier removed to his own home where "he" was cared for until well. Deborah confessed the whole story to the Doctor and begged him to keep it confidential. But, realizing army formalities involved, he obtained Deborah's permission to inform General Patterson to whom she had become an orderly. When he fully realized the situation, the General reportedly remarked: "How theatrical!" and gave her a letter for personal delivery to General Washington.

At West Point, Oct. 25, 1783, her regiment was mustered out by Gen. Knox. Deborah, now clad in women's clothes, walked down the line drawn up at "Attention." Not one recognized her as their former comrade-in-arms, Private Robert Shirtliff. She finally arrived back home about Nov. 1, 1783.

A few years later, when General Patterson had become a New York Judge, he entertained her at his home, as did also General Webb. According to an old almanac-diary, now in the possession of Mrs. Warren A. Weeks of Brockton, Mass., General Washington en route from Boston, 1797, called on Deborah at her Sharon home.

Two years after her army discharge, Deborah (in 1785) married an industrious farmer, Benjamin Gannett. They lived in Sharon, Mass., where their three children—a son and two daughters—were born. But after the excitement of army life, Deborah was too restless to settle down. She became a lecturer, toured New England and sounded what was probably the "first call to American womanhood to take its place in the new liberty." She lectured even at the Albany, N. Y. Courthouse in 1802. Her record of expenses there included such items as:

"Paying the old key keeper	$2.00
Printing	3.00
Sweeping courthouse	.48
Brushing seats	.17
Cleaning candles	.20"

She died in 1827 at the age of 67. Her old childhood home, a Cape Cod cottage in Elm Street, Plympton, Mass., still stands. It has been sold and the nameplate removed, but on Plympton Common, a monument dedicated to her memory reads:

"IN HONOR OF
DEBORAH SAMPSON
WHO FOR LOVE OF COUNTRY SERVED
TWO YEARS AS A SOLDIER IN THE
WAR OF THE REVOLUTION.

SHE WAS BORN IN PLYMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DECEMBER 17, 1760.

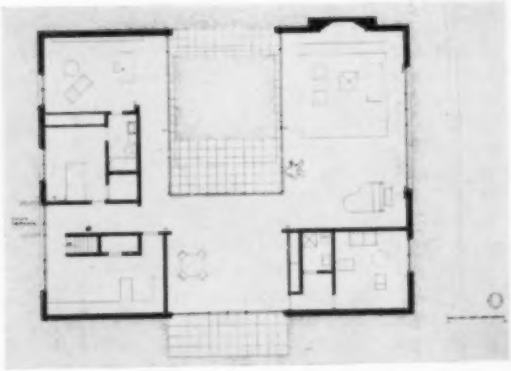
THIS MEMORIAL ERECTED BY THE
DEBERAH SAMPSON CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
OF BROCKTON AND THE TOWN OF PLYMPTON
1906"

In Rock Ridge Cemetery, Sharon, Mass., an imposing monument erected by the town in 1906 commemorates its Civil War casualties, 1863-1865, from bequests of George Washington Gay and his wife, Eunice Lyon Gay. Ten feet high by twelve wide, it highlights the cemetery with a huge figure of a Civil War soldier in the center. One side lists men who died for their country. The other side depicts a bronze likeness of Deborah Bradford Sampson (Gannett) and bears the inscription:

"DEBORAH SAMPSON (GANNETT) WOMAN SOLDIER IN THE WAR OF THE REVOLUTION, ENLISTED UNDER THE NAME OF ROBERT SHIRTLIFF. SEVERAL YEARS IN ACTIVE SERVICE. WOUNDED IN THE BATTLE OF TARRYTOWN. HONORARY DISCHARGED 1783. PENSIONED BY CONGRESS IN 1803. THIS TABLET IS PLACED HERE BY REQUEST OF HER GRANDSON—GEORGE WASHINGTON GAY."

In the same cemetery are the graves of Deborah Sampson Gannett and her husband, Benjamin. The back of the stone bears the inscription:

"ROBERT SHIRTLIFF—THE FEMALE SOLDIER—
SERVICE — 1781 — 1783. SHE DIED — 1827."



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a study in contrast

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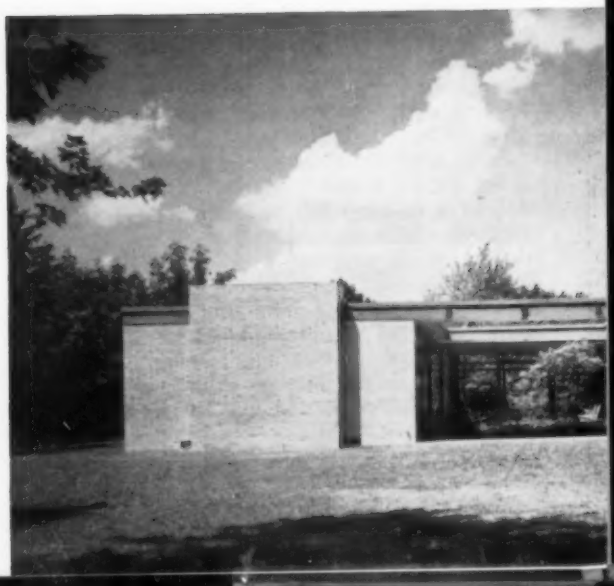

Light, airy, almost entirely enclosed in glass, this house for Richard Johnson in Darien, Connecticut contrasts strongly with the more familiar colonial homes that abound in that state. Architect Philip C. Johnson, of New York City, won the American Institute of Architect's First Honor Award—the only one to be given for a private residence. In contrast, on the following pages are two Connecticut houses built over 300 years ago.

The illustration and following description of the Whitefield House in Guilford, Connecticut come from Edwin Whitefield's *Homes of our Forefathers,* published in 1882. "This was built in 1639, by the Reverend Henry Whitefield, and is the oldest house now standing in Connecticut. The walls and chimney are stone, and there is no other house in New England to be compared with it for durability. It was undoubtedly built for the double purpose of a dwelling and a fort." Below, the same house as it stands today, restored in 1951 after a fire. Little change has taken place, except the name, which is now spelled "Whitfield."

The Griswold House in Guilford, Connecticut was described in *Homes of our Forefathers* as follows: "This was built by William Griswold between 1655 and 1660. The chimney is stone. It was bought by the Lees of the Seward family, and afterwards came into the possession of the Griswolds, being now owned by Mary Griswold." Above, the house today.

ELEVEN SUMMER STREET, MARSHFIELD, MASS., home of Edward, Anna-Myrie, and (daughter) Dorothy Snow, is one of the busiest little beehives in America. Papa writes on an average a book a year, *The Vengeful Sea,* of 1956, being his twenty-fifth. He prepares long historical articles, three a week for the press, and as many again for radio and television appearances. In addition, he lectures three or four evenings a week with colored slides and moving pictures. His specialties are piracy, crime, and shipwrecks but among his 17000 negatives and 1400 completed

manuscripts there are of course many other related subjects.

Among Ed's other activities are a Sunday afternoon cruise in Boston Harbor with his whaler born mother and fifty or so paying guests. As the weather becomes colder he conducts weekend pilgrimages around New England.

At Christmas time of course he is known everywhere for his Santa Claus flights to drop bundles to lonely lighthouse keepers along the Atlantic coast.

"He shall run and not be weary"—one is reminded of this Biblical quotation when anywhere near Edward Rowe Snow.

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Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Snow study part of their collection of Spanish gold pieces. He is so busy at times he has to type in the tub, but often takes time off to relax with his family at Treasure Island off Scituate (upper left). Three pirates buried treasure here years ago. Ed's lecture paraphernalia includes such exhibits as these pirate flags, Blackbeard's pistol and skull, William Kidd's handcuffs, Lolonois' first dagger, and a book which has pages made of human flesh. He often surprises friends by kicking the door jamb over their heads, and those whom he likes get to see his famous cellar —full of prints, maps, and old, mouldy pirate chests.

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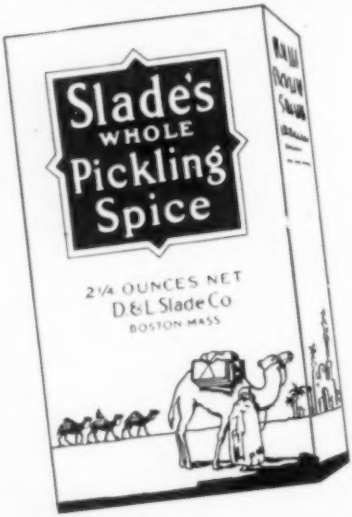

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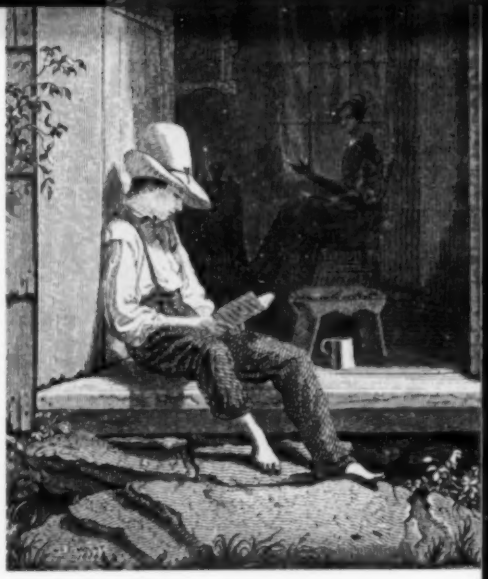

Above, an engraving of William S. Mount's painting Studious Boy. *Mount also did the painting appearing on the Swoppers' page.*

IS THERE ONE OF US who hasn't been faced with the problem of making the most of leftover foods?

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With leftovers there are a few basic rules to be followed. Remember that future planning plays a very important role in your success of disguise. A good sized roast is juicier than a smaller size. A deep freezer is a priceless asset in the skill of leftover cookery. Always remember that when meat is involved in leftover cookery the less cooking the more successful will be your secret. And so on endlessly:

Breaded Beef

Roast beef sliced ¼ inch thick
Salt and pepper
Minced parsley
Vinegar
Flour
2 eggs
2 T. milk
1 T. salad oil
Fine dried bread crumbs
Butter

Spread out the slices of beef, season slightly and sprinkle each slice with parsley and a few drops of vinegar. Let stand for about twelve minutes. Place flour in one dish; egg, milk and salad oil mixed in another and then bread crubs in the third. Dip the slices of beef in the flour, next the egg, and then in the bread crumbs. Let stand until the crust dries a little. Heat the fat in a skillet and saute the slices until a golden brown. Serve with sauce or gravy if desired.

Eggplant 'n Beef

3 cups chopped, cooked roast beef
1 medium sliced eggplant cut in half inch slices
3 tablespoons grated onions
1¼ small clove garlic mashed
2 T. parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
Pinch nutmeg
¾ T. marjoram
4 T. olive oil
1 can condensed tomato soup

Slice the eggplant. Salt each unpeeled slice and pile on top of each other and top with a moderate weight and let stand for about one half an hour. Mix the meat with onion, garlic,

parsley, salt and pepper, nutmeg and marjoram. Allow this mixture to blend well. Brown the eggplant slices which have been cut in quarters in olive oil. Grease a medium sized casserole and arrange alternate layers of meat mixture with eggplant adding a tablespoon of tomato soup to each eggplant layer. Pour remaining tomato soup over the top and bake in a 375°F oven for 25 minutes.

Ham 'n Cheese Mushroom Souffle

1 cup chopped cooked ham
¾ cup grated cheese
¼ cup butter
3 T. flour
2 cups milk
½ cup minced celery
1¾ cups minced pimiento
1½ cups sliced sauteed mushrooms
4 eggs, separated
¾ teas. curry powder
1¾ teaspoons grated onion
Salt and pepper to taste

Melt the butter in the skillet, stir in the flour and add the milk gradually, stirring constantly until the sauce is smooth and thick. Add the cheese and stir until melted. Add celery, pimiento, mushrooms, ham and well beaten egg yolks, curry powder and onions. Season to taste. Cool to lukewarm and fold in egg whites beaten until stiff. Turn into well greased casserole and bake in a moderate oven of 350°F for 35 to 40 minutes until firm and well browned.

Ham Fritters

1½ cups ground cooked ham
2 cups sifted flour
2 cups boiling water
4 eggs
¾ T. curry powder
Cooking oil

Stir the flour into rapidly boiling water and continue stirring vigorously until it leaves the side of the pan. Lower the heat and beat in the eggs, one at a time. Remove from the heat and stir in curry powder and ham. Bring the cooking oil up to 390°F and drop the batter by teaspoons into the fat. Cook until golden brown all over and drain on absorbent paper and serve at once with rich cream sauce or mushroom sauce.

Lamb Scallopini

2 cups sliced cooked roast lamb cut into pieces about 1½ inches square
3 T. butter
2 medium sliced onions sliced
1 small clove garlic minced
2 small green peppers, sliced
1 cup lamb gravy that has been thinned with white wine
Salt and pepper
2 T. sherry
1 T. minced parsley

Heat the butter to sizzling and lightly brown onions, garlic, green peppers stirring constantly. Blend in gravy. Season to taste and lay in the lamb, stir gently, cover and leave on low heat until very hot. Add sherry, pour in serving dish and sprinkle with parsley.

Yankee Chicken Hash

3 cups coarsley chopped cooked chicken
1½ cups cooked sausage meat
¾ cup chopepd green pepper
¾ cup chopped onion
2½ T. chopped parsley
1 T. chopped chives
½ cup coarse bread crumbs
½ teas. grated lemon rind
½ cup rich cream sauce
Salt and pepper
4 T. butter

Mix the chicken, sausage meat, green pepper, onion, parsley, chives in a large bowl and chop until fine. Stir in the bread crumbs, lemon rind, cream sauce made with one tablespoon flour, ½ cup milk, 1 T. butter and seasoned to taste. Heat fat in heavy skillet and spread the hash evenly. Cook gently over low heat until the bottom is brown and crusty. Fold in half and slide onto hot platter.

Lobster Stuffed Eggs

4 hard cooked eggs
¾ cup lobster meat chopped fine

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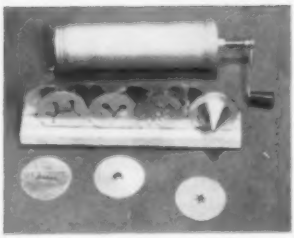

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RECIPE CONTEST

FIRST prize of $5.00 to Mrs. Esther Sallans, 112 Sewell Avenue, Brookline, Massachusetts for her recipe for

Sweet and Sour Cabbage

1 small head green cabbage
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Sweet and sour sauce

Cut each cabbage into wedges and steam separately in very little water. When done arrange colors alternately on serving platter and cover with sweet and sour sauce.

SWEET-AND-SOUR-SAUCE

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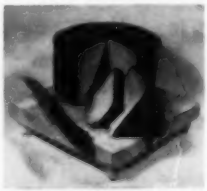

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Mustard Pickle Dumplings

1½ cups sifted pastry flour
3 T. baking powder
1/3 teas. salt
2 T. chilled shortening
1/3 cup finely chopped mustard pickle in sauce
¼ cup milk

Mix and sift the flour into a bowl, add the baking powder and the salt. Cut in the shortening using knife. Make a well in the shortening and flour and add the chopped mustard pickle and the milk. Mix lightly with a fork and continue to add the milk when necessary to make a drop dough. Drop in six portions over hot cooked stew. Cover closely and simmer. (DO NOT UNDER ANY CONDITIONS LIFT THE COVER FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES.) A different, dainty, light and fluffy dumpling results.

THIRD prize of $1.00 to Miss Hattie E. Kelley, Mosheim, Tennessee for her recipe for

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3 T. peanut butter
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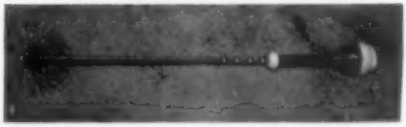

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A Window Full of Silver.

WHEN VISITORS FROM 23 countries had trodden the path to the door of the jewelry shop of Stavre G. Panis, in Falmouth, Massachusetts, the master craftsman and his wife moved their shop and wares to a quiet lane in the town. There, on Pin Oak Way, at the dead end, in a grove of lilacs, these quiet, happy and busy people design and produce by tedious hand methods some of the most beautiful and sought-after jewelry and tableware in the country.

Even now, those who have heard of their work call so frequently and eagerly the Panises rarely catch up on their orders from one Christmas to the next.

The work is divided, with Mrs. Panis doing the designing of many of the smaller items, such as rings, earrings, monograms, cuff links and brooches on which she makes replicas of customers' favored pets or patterns suggesting hobbies and professions. Mr. Panis, at his bench beside her, does the larger pieces, such as fruit bowls, candle sticks, book ends. They both enjoy designing flowers.

It was during the summer of 1915,

Stavre Panis and his wife check over a set of silver candlesticks before they are sent to the person who ordered them.

Gulls and sparrows fly past the Panises' window giving ideas for silver designs.

when Mr. Panis came down to the Cape from Boston for a needed vacation, that he worked as gardener on the late Charles R. Crane estate, tending the fabulous blooming flower beds and first began to dream of designing flower jewelry in a Cape shop of his own.

Nothing could keep Stavre Panis from working in jewelry making. The love and talent for it are in his blood. He is of the fourth generation of silver craftsmen and learned his way as a youngster. Born in Dadha, Albania, in 1889, he left in 1905 when the Turkish government, which then ruled Albania, started drafting Christians into the Turkish Army. He began working in Boston in 1909 making jewelry, utilizing the cast method popular at that time and still used in Mexico and India. He soon changed to the pierced method and has continued it —applying a pattern, then with an "egg-beater" drill making holes in which a tiny saw cuts away unwanted portions. The item is then placed in a bowl containing pine pitch, a substance resembling sealing wax, and with a little heat it is made to adhere for chasing or other detailed work.

After serving in World War I, Stavre Panis returned from France and again went to work in Boston and there, through the Society of Arts and Crafts, his custom-made treasures created a demand. In 1923 he learned enameling at the Massachusetts School of Art, and there he unfolded his dream of having a shop of his own on Cape Cod. The pretty, violet-eyed girl who listened to his dream was Miss Gladys Hamilton, an art student from Lincoln, Mass., and in 1927 they were married.

It was not until 1932, when some jewelry Mr. Panis had made was admired by Mrs. Wilfrid Wheeler, of Hatchville, that he opened his shop on the Queen's Buy Way in Falmouth.

The Panises work throughout the year. Orders pile high, coming in from the far corners of the world. Not even after they were obliged to move to the less-known Pin Oak Way, where they have both home and shop, have they been able to find a spare moment.

"And never have we had a vacation," Mr. Panis says. "Oh, we plan trips and then when the time comes we think of the wonderful silver we can buy with

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the vacation money—and each time we have invested the trip-fund in supplies."

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Their work benches are side-by-side overlooking a large window facing South. And as the gulls and sparrows fly past many ideas for designs have filtered through the salty air to the busy artists.

"Our most popular designs are of gulls, fish, boats, flowers and sea horses," Mrs. Panis explained.

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►Through the efforts of two art-loving partners, Mrs. Ariel Hall and Mrs. Malcolm Hubbard, The Neptune Gallery at 12 State Street, Marblehead, Massachusetts, began its second season this year. The gallery was designed as a place where people might relax and enjoy—as well as purchase—paintings, small sculpture, arts and crafts of various nations, jewelry and things of great value for collectors. Sounds like an excellent place to visit when you are next in Marblehead.

►Chin-Brook Farm, in Rochester, Vermont, raises Karakul sheep, from which the owner, Mrs. Frances O. Thompson, spins and weaves wonderfully warm fabrics which she uses for everything from blankets to upholstery—even a suit for her husband. Karakul sheep come from Bokhara, a province in Uzbekistan, USSR, and have a dark brown, heavy fleece

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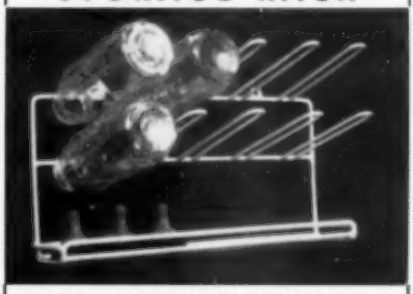

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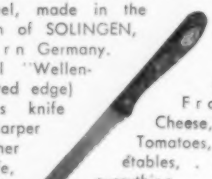

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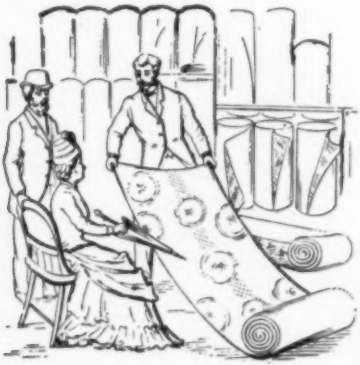

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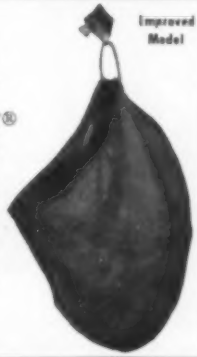

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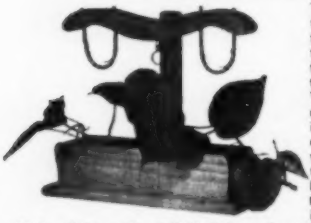

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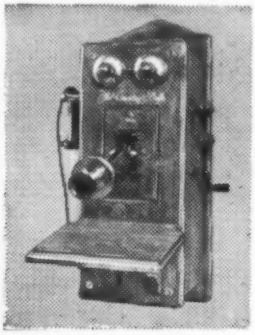

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The Saga of Little Fredericka

(Continued from page 35)

After a tearful and near-sleepless night, Mrs. Mrs. Pettisahl's plans for Fredericka's final resting place were completely formulated. She called the What Hope garage to have her car pick her up at ten that morning.

Fredericka was to be buried in the Marigold bed on Mrs. Pettisahl's South County estate. But first, a proper container would have to be found to house, for all eternity, her precious remains. A yellow quilted-satin box would be most appropriate for the inside covering. What a shame cotton-wool doesn't come in colors! But then, perhaps just the right shade of facial tissue could be found. This is almost as soft as cotton-wool, isn't it? Maybe Fredericka wouldn't mind the slight difference in texture of the inner padding if the box were wrapped in a particularly pretty yellow paper and tied with a pearl gray ribbon to match the fur on her dear little back.

Of course the outside container would have to be of metal. Fortunately Mrs. Pettisahl remembered having seen a small gray steel cabinet in the window of several of Providence's stationery stores. What a happy coincidence she had paid special attention to these sturdy little boxes, never dreaming that she would ever find a use for one of them. Or could it have been some fateful premonition which had drawn her to them? Mrs. Pettisahl was always having premonitions.

In order to secure an exact match, or perhaps the most becoming contrasting color, for the quilted container and tissue, Mrs. Pettisahl thought it best to take Fredericka for a fitting at a near-by department store before starting the final trek to South County.

Tightly wedging the monkey's remains into a pale green Tilden-Thurber Jewelry Company's box, Mrs. Pettisahl, attired from head to foot in the latest of fashion, left her Town residence without so much as a "Good-morning" to anyone. Her car, according to instructions, was waiting for her at the side entrance to the hotel-apartment.

"I want to stop at ———" she said to the driver, "then at ———, and from there we'll motor to the country."

"Very good, Madame." James Bertram tipped his cap as he opened the rear door to the shining black Cadillac standing at the curb. "May I take your package for you?" he asked.

"Indeed not!" Mrs. Pettisahl blurted out, then remembering to regain her composure, added, "Oh, thank you, Bertram, but I'll keep it with me." She tightened her grip on the precious parcel she was carrying.

At the department store, she placed her treasure on the counter beside her as she began a lengthy search through the entire stock of satin, quilted boxes to find just the right size and color for her purpose. Having selected what she considered the perfect requirement, she turned to steal a quick peek at Fredericka in order to verify her judgment before reaching a final decision.

"Oh, oh!" she screamed. "It's gone! My box, my box! Where is it?"

The entire notions section was thrown into a dither over Mrs. Pettisahl's missing Tilden-Thurber carton. Finally the floor-manager was called into the midst of the confusion.

When she was sufficiently placated to listen to reason, he said to her, "Undoubtedly a shop-lifter has taken your package, Madame, but I can assure you every means at our disposal will be taken to recover it for you. All exists have been covered, and the store detectives have been alerted. The guilty party will not leave the store with your box in her possession, I promise you that."

"However," he added, now daring to smile at his outraged customer, "I have one further suggestion. Shop-lifters often take their loot to the Ladies' Room, where they discard the original container and rewrap the package. You might speak to the matron there and ask her if she has noticed anyone carrying a box to fit your description."

Mrs. Pettisahl, hopes revived, forced a small, comprehensive "thank-you" to all who had tried to help her, dabbed her eyes and headed for the elevator.

"Im pretty sure the woman you're looking for is still inside that third stall," said the matron, after Mrs. Pettisahl had breathlessly explained her mission. Taking a key from her apron pocket, she added, "follow me, I'll unlock the door for you. Maybe we can catch her red-handed."

Eagerly, Mrs. Pettisahl all but danced behind the stocky matron. She trembled in nervous anticipation as the woman inserted and turned the key in the designated door. Immediately it swung open, and there, half-sitting, half-reclining, leaned against the wall a prostrate form—the personification of a disillusioned shop-lifter. Her eyes, glazed, were still staring in fascinated horror at the contents of the open box on her lap.

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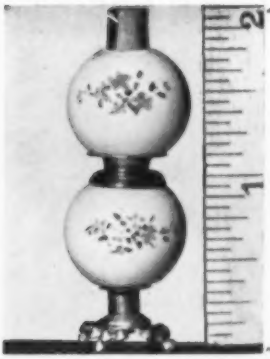

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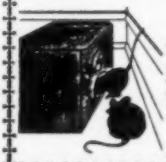

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Answer: The art, principle and science of construction goes back a long, long way before anybody had any books at all! Some of that knowledge has long since become instinct, as witness the little kid, too young to walk or talk, who piles up his wooden blocks, one on top of another. Men made square corners centuries before they had a square to prove it by, and laid out straight lines without instruments. Modern men use books and instruments because they have 'em. Heck, if you didn't know what shoes were, you'd go barefooted!

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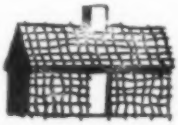

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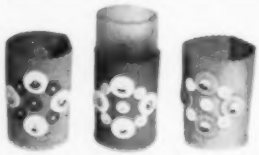

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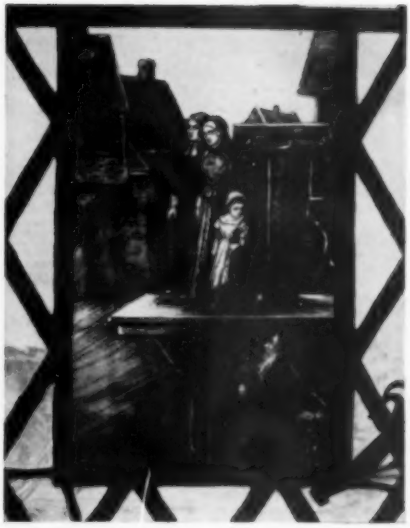

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With Love from Gracie by Grace Hegger Lewis is a revealing memoir of one of America's greatest writers, from their first meeting in 1912, through *Main Street* and *Babbitt,* to the publication of *Arrowsmith* in 1925. Carefully researched and strongly documented, this book is a sympathetic recollection of Sinclair Lewis during the most important period of his career, as well as the romantic story of their life together. It is illustrated with 27 photographs. Mrs. Lewis is now married to Telesforo Casanova de Ojea and they divide their time between a Manhattan apartment and a Victorian summer cottage on Owl's Head, Maine. The book will be published this month by Harcourt, Brace Company, New York. (Probable date—Sept. 13—probable price—$5.75)

In the meanwhile, the author, long a friend of YANKEE, starts off the book for us by sending us a rare photograph of Sinclair Lewis and herself and the following little story woven around the picture.

"Sinclair Lewis and I had been married barely a year when our wandering started, and it never stopped. Even in that first year (1915) of living in a New York suburb we took a walking trip on Cape Cod in an era when people did not walk for pleasure. But walk we did on the swimmy tar roads, hot and shadeless in the July sun, from Buzzards Bay to Provincetown, refusing as a point of honor the offered lifts from passing cars whose passengers thought us quite mad and stared at the rucksacks on our backs. But after two hundred miles of walking we were glad to reach the fingertip of the Cape and the quiet simplicities of the Portuguese fishermen and the rare artist and writer who dwelt there then.

"Our first automobile trip was in a T-Model Ford bought in Sauk Centre in 1916 where

we were visting Lewis's parents. Duluth was our first important stop in that perilous journey from Minnesota to the state of Washington and down to San Francisco, over the Lincoln Highway which was often no more than two grooves in a wheat field, and it was in Duluth that this picture was taken on the main street by the local newspaper. Next day, there we were on the front page with an accompanying interview, and thus we tasted fame, fresh and exciting, at a time when there were few scurrying reporters and popping flashlights.

"On the running board of our little touring car, which we loved dearly and knew was unlike any other Model-T, we carried a tent of our own designing, and in the back were blankets and folding chairs and table and the essential equipment without which no sane tourist would start on a long journey: a shovel, an ax, a steel cable, extra gasoline, water to drink and for a boiling radiator, spare tubes and tires, a lantern, and a shotgun. Our hegira to the Pacific coast lasted four months. We spent a few hours here and several weeks there, staying in wretched fifty-cent-a-night barracks and in five-dollar-a-day palaces, and often making only ninety miles a day over the primitive roads. The hardships of the journey and the wonder of it formed the basis for a gay and tender companionship, and provided an imperishable background for all his work to come."

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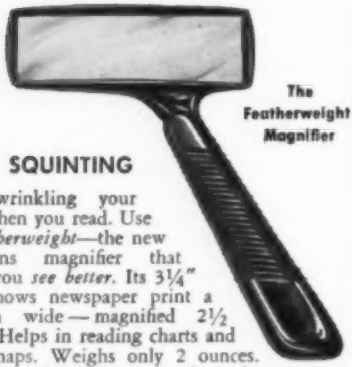

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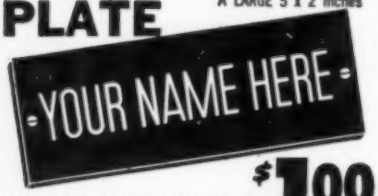

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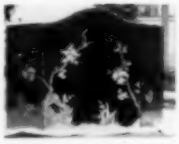

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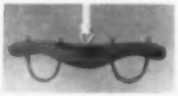

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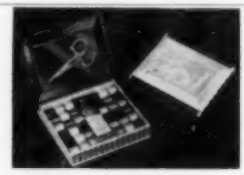
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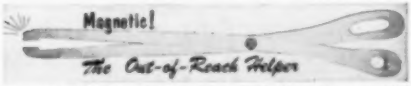

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